

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1 and 9 and add new claims 34 and 35 as shown in the following listing of claims, which replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (currently amended) An ultrasonic motor, comprising: a movable member disposed to undergo movement in response to a drive force; a substrate having a conductor pattern for conveying a drive signal from a drive circuit; a piezoelectric vibrator provided directly on the substrate for undergoing oscillating movement in response to the drive signal so as to contact the movable member and generate the drive force to drive the movable member; and a support member provided on the substrate for mechanically fixedly supporting the piezoelectric vibrator at a point corresponding to a node of vibration of the piezoelectric vibrator on the substrate and transmitting the drive signal from the conductor pattern to electrodes of the piezoelectric vibrator so that no conductor wires extend from the substrate to connect the drive circuit and the piezoelectric vibrator.

2. (previously submitted) An ultrasonic motor according to claim 1; wherein the support member has sufficient elasticity to elastically urge the piezoelectric vibrator against a moving member to drive the moving member in response to oscillating movement of the piezoelectric vibrator.

3. (canceled).

4. (previously submitted) An ultrasonic motor according to claim 1; wherein the support member comprises part of the substrate.

5. (canceled).

6. (previously submitted) An ultrasonic motor according to claim 4; wherein the piezoelectric vibrator is mounted on the support member.

7. (previously submitted) An ultrasonic motor according to claim 1; wherein the support member is provided with at least a part of a drive circuit for producing the drive signal.

8. (canceled).

9. (currently amended) An electronic apparatus ~~appliance~~ having an ultrasonic motor according to claim 1.

10. - 33. (canceled).

34. (new) An ultrasonic motor according to claim 1; wherein the support member contacts and supports the piezoelectric vibrator only in a region thereof corresponding to the node of vibration of the piezoelectric vibrator.

35. (new) An ultrasonic motor, comprising: a movable member disposed to undergo movement in response to a drive force; a substrate having a conductor pattern for conveying a drive signal from a drive circuit; a piezoelectric vibrator provided directly on the substrate for undergoing oscillating movement in response to the drive signal so as to contact the movable member and generate the drive force to drive the movable member; and a support member provided on the substrate for mechanically fixedly supporting the piezoelectric vibrator on the substrate and transmitting the drive signal from the conductor pattern to electrodes of the piezoelectric vibrator so that no conductor wires extend from the substrate to connect the drive circuit and the piezoelectric vibrator, the support member contacting and supporting the piezoelectric vibrator only in a region thereof corresponding to a node of vibration of the piezoelectric vibrator.